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REMARKS

Claims 2, 4-9, and 13-20 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 10-12, 21, and 22 have been canceled. Claims 6, 7, 18, and 19 have been withdrawn. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 8-10, 12-17, and 20-22 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 10, 12, 21 and 22 have been canceled and will not be discussed. However, as for claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 13-17, and 20, the applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 13 were apparently considered to be indefinite for depending on claim 10, which was said to be indefinite. Claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 13 no longer depend on claim 10 and are considered to be definite.

The introduction of "a single integral component" in claim 14 was said to render the claims indefinite. Apparently, this was considered to be a redundant recitation. To clarify this feature, claim 14 has been amended to recite that "the inner flange of the door sash and an interior part the U-shaped attachment groove are included in a single integral component." Thus, the single integral component is recited in terms of previously introduced parts and is considered to be definite.

Claim 20 was said to be indefinite for introducing alternatives. Although claiming of alternatives is permitted (See MPEP 2173.05(h)), the "or" phrase has been removed from claim 20. Therefore, claim 20 is considered to be fully definite.

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Claims 2, 4, 5, 8-10, 12, 14-17, 20, and 21 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art of Fig. 11 and Japanese Patent Publication No. 4-130514. Claims 10, 12 and 21 have been canceled and thus will not be discussed. As for claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 14-17 and 20, the applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 8 and 9 now depend on claim 13, which was said to contain allowable subject matter if written to overcome the section 112 rejections and to include the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 13 has been written in its independent form including the limitations of claims 10 and 12.

In rewriting claim 13 in independent form, changes were made to the language of claim 10 to overcome the section 112 rejections. For example, claim 10 was said to be indefinite for failing to define "proximal end of the flange part." Claim 13 now recites that "the proximal end of the flange part is closer to the inner panel than a distal end of the flange part." This change is considered to correct any indefiniteness concerning the proximal end of the flange part.

The phrase "a trim" on line 13 of claim 10 was said to render claim 10 indefinite due to an earlier mention of the trim. In rewriting claim 13 the first mention of the trim has been removed. This change is considered to eliminate any possible indefiniteness concerning the trim.

Claim 10 was further considered to be indefinite due to the second recitation of "one of the seal lips" at lines 17 and 18 of claim 10. Therefore, in rewriting claim 13, the seal lips have been introduced as "one of the seal lips" and "the other of the seal lips." Any indefiniteness concerning the seal lips has been removed.

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The recitation of "opposing sides" in claim 10 was said to be indefinite due to the earlier recitation of the interior and exterior sides of the window glass. The recitation of the "opposing sides" has been removed in rewriting claim 13 to overcome this problem.

Therefore, claim 13 and its dependents are considered to be in condition for allowance.


Claim 14 has been amended to include limitations of claims 21 and limitations relating to a shielding plate portion like the shielding plate portion 18h shown in the illustrated embodiment of Fig. 7. Further, claim 14 has been amended to overcome the rejection under section 112, as discussed above. None of the cited references shows or suggests a shielding plate portion that is integral with the trim as claimed in claim 14. Therefore, claim 14 and its dependents (claims 15-20) are considered to be in condition for allowance.

Further, the applicants respectfully request rejoinder and examination of claims 6, 7, 18, and 19, since these claims are depend on claims that are considered to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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